

# A WORLD CUP PRAYER JOURNEY



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## THE BIG PICTURE

*As people from every nation gather in person and virtually for World Cup, we are reminded that what ultimately unites the world is not sport, but lostness—and the deep need for a Savior. Everyone, at some point, asks the question, “Who am I?” As followers of Christ, we know the answer: I am His. In this global moment, we are not merely spectators alongside the world. As believers, we step forward as intercessors—standing in the gap and praying for the gospel to transform lives as the nations gather. As the world asks, “Who am I?”, we pray as those who know whose we are.*

## WEEK ONE | THE WORLD'S GREATEST NEED

**June 11–June 17**

*“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10*

As the nations gather for World Cup, we are reminded that beneath culture, language, and celebration lies a shared spiritual reality: all people are lost without Christ. While the world asks, “Who am I?,” Scripture reminds us that Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. This week, we begin by praying for the lost—asking God to draw men, women, and children from every nation to Himself.

**Pray each day this week for God to draw the lost to Himself through His Spirit in different areas.**

- **Thursday:** U.S. host cities — Atlanta, Boston, Dallas, Houston, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Miami, New York/New Jersey, Philadelphia, San Francisco Bay Area, Seattle
- **Friday:** Canada host cities — Toronto, Vancouver
- **Saturday:** Mexico host cities — Mexico City, Guadalajara, Monterrey
- **Sunday:** Participating nations of Africa
- **Monday:** Participating nations of Asia, the Middle East & the Pacific
- **Tuesday:** Participating nations of Europe & the Americas
- **Wednesday:** The world watching digitally

## WEEK TWO | THE GOSPEL CHANGES EVERYTHING

### June 18–June 24

*“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.” Romans 1:16*

The solution to the world’s greatest problem is the gospel. Scripture declares that the gospel is God’s power for salvation to everyone who believes. As global attention intensifies during World Cup, we pray for the Holy Spirit to move—preparing hearts, emboldening witnesses, and advancing the good news across cities and nations.

**Pray each day this week for the Holy Spirit to empower and move in different areas through gospel conversations that lead to salvation.**

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## WEEK THREE | GOD’S PLAN: THE CHURCH

### June 25–July 1

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20*

Jesus’ final words to His disciples make clear both our identity and our calling. All authority belongs to Him, and all who follow Him are sent to make disciples of all nations. As World Cup brings cities and nations together, we pray for those who already know Christ to live faithfully in obedience to the Great Commission. This week, our prayers turn toward the Church—believers in host cities and participating nations. We ask God to give courage, clarity, and faithfulness as His people make disciples in everyday, intentional ways.

Pray each day this week that believers around the world, trusting Christ's authority and presence, would faithfully make disciples among the nations.

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## WEEK FOUR | LABORERS FOR THE HARVEST

**July 2–July 8**

*“Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.’” Matthew 9:37–38*

Jesus tells us the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. As the tournament moves toward its final stages, we lift our eyes beyond the moment and pray for the Lord of the harvest to send and sustain workers—both those serving now and those He is calling into future obedience.



**Pray each day this week for the Lord of the harvest to send and sustain faithful workers near and far.**

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### July 9 - July 15

*“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5*

As the World Cup moves into the final full week, our prayers turn toward what remains long after the final whistle. Jesus teaches that lasting fruit comes from abiding in Him. We pray that seeds planted during this season lead to salvation, discipleship, and churches strengthened for years to come—so that God receives glory among every people, all nations, and all tribes in every language.

Pray each day this week that gospel seeds planted will bear lasting fruit for God’s glory among the nations.

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## CLOSING DAYS | CONTINUING IN PRAYER

*Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2*

As the World Cup ends, we stop to thank God for His work and trust Him with expectancy to continue working. These final days invite us to linger in watchfulness and thanksgiving, knowing that God is at work.

### Thursday 7/16: Remembering the Lost

Give thanks to God for His heart for the lost and for drawing men, women, and children to Himself during this season. Continue to ask Him to complete the work He has begun in lives still searching for hope.

### Friday 7/17: Rejoicing in the advance of the gospel

Thank God for the power of the gospel to save and transform. Give thanks for conversations, Scripture shared, curiosity stirred, and faith awakened, and ask Him to keep advancing the gospel beyond this moment.

### Saturday 7/18: Giving thanks for the Church

Thank God for believers and churches serving faithfully in host cities and participating nations. Pray with gratitude that the Church would continue obeying Christ's call to make disciples long after the event ends.

### Sunday 7/19: Entrusting laborers to God

Give thanks for missionaries, chaplains, pastors, volunteers, and everyday Christians who served during this season. Trust the Lord of the harvest to sustain His workers and to bring lasting fruit for His glory among the nations.



## THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN PRAYER

To learn more about the Who Am I? initiative and how the IMB and NAMB are reaching the lost with the hope of the Gospel go to [whoamityouwc.com](http://whoamityouwc.com)



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